

# ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Forensic Services Division

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**To:** Matt Moore / WYFF News4

**From:** Michael A. Miller / Forensics Laboratory Director

**RE: FOIA Request made of the Anderson County Sheriff's Office in relation to information sought regarding sexual assault kits**

Please find included with this memo the only documents available (*to the best of our knowledge and intent*) to fulfill your sought after information in the above referenced FOIA Request. The numbered items below correspond to the numbered items in your email to our Agency stating the request for information.

1. Please see attached document that represents the evidence submission procedures followed by Anderson County Sheriff's Office Deputies for submitting sexual assault kits/evidence. Our officers do not collect the kit evidence, this is done by the appropriate medical professional or medical examiner.
2. No documents/information of this type.
3. Sexual assault kits are sent to third party forensic testing facilities for analysis. Currently we utilize the Greenville County DNA Lab and the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Forensic Services Laboratory to have analysis performed on sexual assault kits.
4. Sexual assault kits are stored in secure, refrigerated storage in the Anderson County Sheriff's Office Property and Evidence Unit until such time as they are transferred to one of the above mentioned testing facilities. The sexual assault kits are transported to the testing facility in person by evidence personnel and transferred with chain of custody documentation.

5. No documents/information of this type.
6. No documents/information of this type.
7. All sexual assault kits are stored in secured and refrigerated evidence storage until such time as the investigating detective provides official authorization to send the kit for testing. The investigating detective is also the responsible authority for issuing authorization to dispose of any sexual assault kit due to the investigation being unfounded or prosecution being declined.

#### **Requested Statistical Data**

1. 435 sexual assault kits documented since electronic property and evidence records began in 2005 using FileOnQ Evidence System with current storage reflecting a total of 65 sexual kits that have not received official requests by investigating detectives to be analyzed or disposed of.
2. 169 sexual assault kits documented in FileOnQ evidence system that have been tested by either SLED or Greenville Forensic Laboratories.
3. Time frame is determined by when the investigating detective makes the request to have the sexual assault kit analyzed pursuant to the facts and needs of their investigation.
4. No documents/information of this type.

## Sexual Assault Kit

- List sexual assault kit on evidence sheet.
- Place sexual assault kit in refrigerator and list what refrigerator it was placed in (*refrigerator 1, 2 or 3*).
- Lock the refrigerator and place the key in a separate envelope and mark refrigerator key number on the outside of the envelope.
- Paperwork from the hospital should be placed in a separate envelope and also listed on the evidence sheet.
- If you have clothing from the hospital, (sealed white bag) add it to the evidence sheet.
- Make sure case number and item number is on all envelopes/packages turned in.

## **Refrigerators are located in the evidence work room.**

1. Place your item in the refrigerator.
2. Lock the refrigerator door.
3. Place the key to the refrigerator in a separate envelope.
4. Write on the outside of the envelope “refrigerator Key # 1, 2 or 3.”
5. Note on your evidence sheet the item number, item and that the item is in refrigerator number 1, 2 or 3.